

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1957

ANSWERED ON- 02/08/2024

AL QAEDA TRAINING CAMPS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent expansion of Al Qaeda's training camps in Afghanistan as reported by the United Nations Monitoring Team;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Government perceives the implications of Al Qaeda's continued operations and growing infrastructure in Afghanistan; and

(c) whether the Government plans to engage diplomatically and strategically to mitigate the security risks posed by Al Qaeda's ongoing operations in Afghanistan and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to c) The Thirty-Third report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to UN Resolution 2610 (2021) concerning ISIL

(Da'esh), Al-Qaeda and associated individuals and entities was submitted to UNSC in January 2024. Government is aware of the report.

On issues related to Afghanistan, including terrorism by Al Qaeda and other organisations, India has been actively engaging with the international community and regional partners at various fora.

During India's UNSC Presidency in 2021, UNSC Resolution (UNSCR) 2593 was adopted, demanding that Afghan territory not be used for sheltering, training, planning or financing terrorist attacks. In November 2021, India organized the Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan, which was attended by the National Security Advisers/Secretaries of India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. An outcome document, Delhi Declaration, was issued which reflected the regional consensus on major issues of regional stability and security. India has continued to participate actively in subsequent meetings of this mechanism, which have been held in Dushanbe (2022), Moscow (2023) and Bishkek (2024).

At all these meetings, India's call to condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestation; zero tolerance to terrorism; rejection of any justification for an act of terror; delinking terror from religion; and the need for uniting in the fight against terrorism has found greater acceptance and reflection.
